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Letter To The Editor

July 19, 1976

Dear Editor,

I am writing in hopes that you will be willing and able to help me. I've been incarcerated for over three years and during this period of time I haven't received over a total of approximately 15 letter. I am desperately in need of communication with someone. I am asking of you to place an article in your newspaper for me requesting correspondence from sincere people who would be interested in helping remove the loneliness that has embedded itself within me over these past few years, especially at mail call. I'm afraid I honestly can't afford to pay you for my request, but any help you'd be willing and able to give would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Cordially yours,
William L. Pruitt, #137-944
P.O. Box 787
Lucasville, Ohio
45648

The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.
Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to Mrs. Tomlin's letter of the 22nd of July. Possibly others in the community have questioned the action taken by the school on this matter.

When it came to my attention that the Senior Class was having scheduled weekly car washes, I was pleased to see their enthusiasm and willingness to work for the things they want. However, I have a concern for the amount of competition they are running with the local service stations. With that in mind, the Assistant Principal and I asked several members of the Senior Class to reduce their number of car washes from once a week to once a month.

Each year the community supports the school in many ways, including financial assistance for the ACHS newspaper, annual, class and club projects, athletics, etc. We greatly appreciate this support. The high school, in staying mindful of the degree of support, does not want to overextend itself or become too demanding of the community.

I sincerely encourage all members of the town and county of Appomattox to communicate with me or Mr. McLean regarding school matters. The more we communicate, the better we will be able to understand each other, and with understanding comes the ability to work together as a team for the best possible opportunities for our youth.

Donald L. Armentrout,
Principal
Appomattox County
High School

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Translating the Bible

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Acts 8:26-39; 2 Cor. 3:1-3

Write the vision;
make it plain upon tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2

God endowed man in his creation with the ability to communicate. It is a necessary gift, for God made in man a creature with whom He wishes to communicate. Human beings need to communicate among themselves. Communication was at first oral, but at some time in his history, much earlier than was once thought, man learned to communicate also in writing. The spoken communication might be forgotten in whole or in part or garbled in repeating; writing made communication exact and permanent.

As God revealed Himself to mankind, He not infrequently instructed His spokesman or prophet to commit the message to writing. Whether the specific instruction is stated or not, the Church holds that the collection of books known as the Bible or the Scriptures was inspired by God.

For people to understand God's Word, it must be communicated to them in words they understand. Not only must it be given them in the language they can read, but as the language changes and the meanings of words change, understandable versions are needed. Two criteria are essential in translating the Scriptures: the translation must convey the accurate meaning of the original, and it must be expressed in a readable style which is readily comprehended by the reader.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew, the language of the people to whom these revelations of and messages from God were originally directed. But after many Jews had settled in the Greek world, the Old Testament was translated into Greek for their use, in the version known as the Septuagint, probably by the middle of the second century, B.C. This was the Old Testament used by early Greek-speaking Christians, and Old Testament quotations in the New Testament are from it.

The New Testament was written in Greek, the language spoken by the greater number of first-century Christians. As the Christian faith spread westward among peoples who spoke Latin, the Bible was translated into that language. In the fourth century, A.D., Pope Damasus commissioned Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin. Jerome's work of a quarter-century produced the Vulgate, which became and remains, in the revision of 1592 under Pope Clement VIII, the official version of the Roman Catholic Church. In the early years of Christianity, the Bible was translated into other languages, and we have Syriac, Coptic, Gothic, Old Slavic, Sogdian, Gothic, and Anglo-Saxon versions, among others.

As the Roman Catholic Church became increasingly authoritarian in the Middle Ages, it insisted on the exclusive use of the Vulgate. Efforts to translate the Scriptures into the developing languages of Western Europe were blocked by Church and state. The use of John Wyclif's translation of the Bible into English was prohibited, and some who read it were burned at the stake with the copy of the translation tied around the neck.

In making the Scriptures the basis of authority in the Church, the Protestant Reformation stimulated the translation of the Scriptures into the languages of the day. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, William Tyndale into English. Tyndale's work was done before Henry VIII broke with Rome, and he was burned at the stake for his translation. After Henry left the Church of Rome, he encouraged Tyndale's friend, Miles Coverdale, to translate the Bible into English. John Knox and other Scots translated the Bible into English in Geneva, and the Geneva Bible was widely popular, a rival for a generation of the Authorized Version, which was translated under the sponsorship of James I by a company of English scholars and published in 1611.

This version became the Bible of the English-speaking world and contributed significantly to the molding of the English language and influencing the style and tenor of English literature. But discoveries of ancient manuscripts of the Bible long lost, archaeological findings which threw new light on the original languages of the Scriptures and the meaning of their words made necessary new versions for a clearer understanding. Changes in the English language made some words and phrases obsolete. English scholars published the Revised Version in 1885, and American scholars the Ametican Revised in 1901. To take advantage of more recent discoveries, American scholars produced the Revised Standard Version in 1953. Since 1900 many other versions have been published.

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Homecoming at Antioch and Union

Revival Services will be held at Union Baptist Church, August 2-6 at 7:30 p. m. each night. Rev. Hoyt Tench will be the Evangelist throughout the week. Homecoming will be August 1st with dinner on the ground. Come and bring a friend.

Revival begins Monday, August 9th at Antioch Baptist Church and continues through out the week. Services will be held each night at 7:30 p. m. with Rev. J. N. Williams. Homecoming will be the 3rd Sunday in August (the 15th of Aug.) with dinner on the ground and singing in the afternoon. Please come and join us.

Mrs. Elizabeth is a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville. We hope she will soon be home.

Mrs. Minnie Cunningham is spending a few days in Richmond with her daughter, Mrs. Lucille Kitchen.

Miss Robin Branch won a blue,red & white ribbons at the Horse Show in Figsville on Saturday. She was riding her horse, McKay's Lady. Robin has been competing in many horse shows lately and is becoming quite a rider. We wish her much sucess. Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Douglas Branch of Gladstone.

Mark your calendars now the Horse Show at the Toga Community Center will be held September 19, 1976, at the Community Center. There will be English, Western and Pony classes with Junior and Senior Divisions. Ribbons and trophies will be given. Come out and join us in our second Horse Show.

Mr. Frank Stanley is a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

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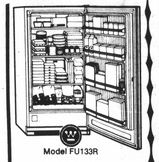

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Hollywood

Rev. Paul Balthaser brought a good message to the people of Hollywood Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner, of Herndon, Ky., are visiting relatives and friends in Gretna, Appomattox, Lynchburg and Buckingham. They attended services at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Miss Laurie Tomes of Richmond, is spending this week with Miss Dawn Deaner and family.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Robert Coleman and Mrs. Otis Smith. We pray they both may soon be well.

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital. His many friends wish for him a very speedy recovery.

We are so glad to hear Dr. Carl A. Collins is home from the hospital and is recovering. We pray he may soon be well again. His address is Dalesville, Va., Box 355, 24083.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hancock and son, Frankie and grandson recently visited Mr. and Mrs. J. McTorrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner, Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield were Thursday guests of Mrs. Mary Bagby. Mr. Alfred Almond visited Mrs. Bagby Tuesday.

We were very sorry to hear Lightening killed several cows Saturday night of Mr. James W. Franklin.

We are very sorry to hear of Mrs. Walter Shupe's illness. We pray she may soon be better.

Mr. Alfred Almond visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Paul Balthaser and boys visited Mrs. C. R. Banton Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner visited Mrs. Banton Thursday afternoon.

Relatives and friends were very sorry to hear Mrs. Thomas Edge, of Lynchburg, fell and broke her back recently and to hear Mrs. Carlton Smith of North Carolina was in a car accident and is a patient in the hospital there. We are praying they both may have a very speedy recovery.

Supper guests of Mrs. Emma Lemon Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner.

Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent several days last week in Covington with Mrs. Woodall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coffey and family.

Mrs. Delorious Deaner, Mrs. Virginia Hancock and Mrs. Mary Ellen Watson visited Rev. and Mrs. Whitey Davis Thursday night.

Visiting Mrs. Robert Morris and family, of Buckingham, Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Miss Joyce Webb and Miss Odell Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodall were visitors Friday night in the homes of Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

Mrs. M. L. Covington visited Mrs. Otis Smith and Mrs. W. T. Covington Saturday afternoon.

Dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Moore, of Gretna, were Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner, Mrs. Emma Lemon and Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Eckeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Torrence and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Joiner were dinner guests Sunday of Mrs. Bob Wooldridge and family, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Ralph Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington visited Mrs. Mary Bagby Tuesday.

Mrs. Edna Smoot and Mrs. Dorothy Wilmer, of Madison Heights, were dinner guests of Mrs. C. R. Banton Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Wingfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woodall and family Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jenkins, Mrs. Willie Craft and Kristie, Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Mrs. Mary Bagby visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Sunday afternoon. We hope Mrs. Jenkins may soon be feeling better.

Guests of Mrs. W. T. Covington for lunch Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Graham and Mr. Leslie Turns, of Pamplin. Mrs. Covington and Mrs. Gilliam visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence Thursday afternoon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family Sunday night and enjoying home made ice cream were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Miss Julia Wingfield, Bobby Carter, Miss Lannie Tomes, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

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